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For: SINGLE LUMEN ACCESS DEPLOYABLE RING FOR INTRALUMENAL  
ANASTOMOSIS

**Confirmation No. 6304**

**STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW  
AND RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION**

MS Amendment  
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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Dear Sir:

This response is to the Interview Summary mailed by the Patent Office on March 28, 2007 and to the Advisory Action mailed by the Patent Office on March 29, 2007.

Applicant's representative appreciates the courtesies extended during the telephonic interview with Examiner Pous held on February 21, 2007, and states that the Substance of the Interview includes the following information:

The Examiner and Applicant's representative discussed the teachings of Huebsch, as well as possible amendments to the claims in order to overcome the cited prior art. While discussions centered on the first claim, the second claim was also touched upon. While no agreement was reached during the interview with respect to the claims, Applicant believes that the present amendments place the application in a condition for allowance.

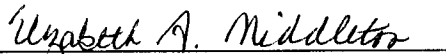
Since the Examiner found that the Amendment filed by Applicant on March 22, 2007 raised new issues requiring further consideration or search, Applicant is filing a Request for Continued Examination and encloses the transmittal with this paper.

In light of the remarks made herein, it is respectfully submitted that the claims currently pending in the present application are now in form for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration of those claims is earnestly solicited. Applicant encourages the Examiner to contact their representative David Franklin at 513-651-6856 to answer any questions or concerns.

This document is being e-filed to the US Patent Office along with a Request for Continued Examination, with the fees being charged to the firm charge account. In addition, the Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment of fees to Frost Brown Todd LLC Deposit Account No. 06-2226.


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